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Tom Wheeler, Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

RE: MB Docket No. 15-149

Dear Chairman Wheeler,

As the Missouri State Representative for the 98th district, I know the importance of what high quality internet service brings to a community and its business and residential constituents. That is why I am writing to support Charter's acquisition of Time Warner Cable and Bright House Networks – the New Charter merger.

The 98th district is part of west St. Louis County and includes portions of Ballwin, Ellisville, Fenton and Wildwood. In these communities, Charter is one of the companies that provides telecommunication services in the area. Their network is all-digital and they provide a wide variety of video products; many in high definition. They have a competitive telephony product and their slowest internet tier of service in my district is 100 Mbps. Charter provides a free and open internet, and New Charter has already made strong commitment that it will not block or slow down internet traffic or engage in paid prioritization. This is the same commitment already followed by Charter today.

Jobs are of the utmost importance to the people of my district and this State. Charter has successfully brought jobs to Missouri, especially in the area of

customer care. I commend that Charter will bring Time Warner outsourced customer care positions back to the United States.

Finally, it's important that companies reach out to help bring Internet services to those that are less fortunate. That is why I am pleased to hear that New Charter will expand the program of Bright House Networks to bring broadband to low-income customers at a discounted rate.

For the reasons expressed above, I strongly encourage the FCC to support the New Charter merger.

Sincerely,

Rep. Shamed Dogan

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